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He continuall new Buildings, and addition and increase of Buildings in and neere about the City of London is grown to that exesse, and doeth draw together such an ouerflow of people, specially of the meaner sort, as can hardly be either fed and susteined, or preserved in health or gouerned, which doth not onely threaten, but hath already bred & brought forth at diuers times dearth of victuals, infection of Plague, and manifold disorders, which his Maestie in his Royall wisdom before this time foreseeing, hath since his happy coming to the Crowne, by two seuerall Proclamations, The one in the second yeere of his highnesse Raigne concerning building with Brick, the other in the fift yeere of his Raigne concerning building vpon New foundations, (wherein neuertheless the former ordinance touching Brick buildings is continued) sought to giue remedy and prouision for the same: But such hath bene & is the couetous desire of gaine & priuate benefit arising of such Buildings, ioynd with a neglect of Iustices & Officers in executing his Maesties said Proclamations, as many persons haue presumed & aduentured to offend against them, both to the continuance and increase of the former evils and inconueniences, and to the manifest ill example of contempt and disobedience in a case so notozious, and in the view of the whole kingdome: His Maestie neuertheless not forgetting (though vpon so iust cause of indignation) his accustomed clemencie, hath thought good to make a difference betweene the offenders and their cases, and for such as haue offended in not building with Brick, in as much as the offenders were in great multitude, and might haue some colour of necessity, or pretended impossibility, though bniustly, as themselves must needs confesse, if they looke abroad, & see what is done in other well policed Cities of Europe, His highnesse gaue order that after some exemplar censure of a few Offenders by sentence in the Star-chamber, the residue should be admitted to composition, according to his Maesties Commission of grace for that purpose granted, wherein his Maesties expresse pleasure was, That the fines should be so milde and moderate as might make the Offenders themselves sensible of his Maesties lenitie & gracious disposition, and might make all others perceiue, That it was not his Maesties profit that was sought, but onely the repressing of the inconuenience, and the preserving of the authority of his Maesties Royall commandements for the publique good, from contempt. But for the second sort of offenders, which haue erected new foundations where no Buildings were before, which had no maner of circumstance to extenuate their offence, but many to aggravate the same, being against a Proclamation, so lately published, and so strictly penned, & immediatly after a seuer sentence in the Star-chamber, his Maestie hath directed that all such Offenders, (the number of which cannot be many being within the compasse of one yeere) shalbe proceeded with in the Star-chamber. But as his Maestie doth not thinke fit to admit at all to grace that kind of Offenders, so his Highnesse doth publish and declare, That for the other point of Brick building, no man do hereafter expect any the like fauour of Composition, as his Maestie was pleased onely at this time for the auoyding of rigor and extremitie to grant & extend: But his Maesties wil and pleasure is, That his said ordinance be hereafter straitly obserued, and mainteined, and the offenders against the same with all seueritie punished. And to the end to remoue & take away all colour of pretended necessity in that point, His Maestie is graciously pleased that his former Proclamations be explained & qualified in maner and forme following, That is to say, That if any person that shall hereafter erect any building vpon an old foundation within the precincts limited in the Proclamation published in the fift yeere of his Highnesse raigne, shal make it appeare, That either the quantitie of the ground whereupon the old foundation standeth, is of too smal a proportion to receiue a Brick building, or that the house is situate in so obscure or meane a Lane or Alley, as is not fit for such a Building, or that the trade of such person as intendeth such building, is the trade of a retayling shopkeeper, & of such a nature as his shop and building cannot with any conuenience be built with Brick, and thereupon shall obtaine certificate vnder the hands of the Lord Maio, the Recorder, and the Alderman of the ward, if the building be within the City or the Liberties thereof, and vnder the hands of two Iustices of the Peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, if it be out of the City and Liberties, And shall further vpon the said Certificate, procure a Licence vnder the hands of any foure of his Maesties priue Councell, whereof the Lord Chancellour, Lord Treasourer, Lord priue Seale, and Chancellour of the Exchequer for the time being, to be two in allowance of the same, That in such case such person so building, shall not be deemed and taken for an offender against his Maesties Proclamations, any thing in the said Proclamations, or either of them to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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God saue the King.

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